

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline: September 15, 2005

Background:

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council) was originally established in March 1996 and has a broad representation consisting of 31 members. The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the State and Federal management agencies, Native Hawaiians, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the humpback whale and its habitat.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping produce annual operating plans and reports by identifying education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works with the Sanctuary Managers to keep them informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary.

Membership Terms:

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is currently seeking interested individuals to fill both primary and alternate non-governmental seats on the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Terms for non-governmental members are two years in length and are staggered to establish continuity within the Council (the current Council seats up for reselection were selected in 2005). Governmental members of the Council serve at the discretion of their agency or entity and do not have a term limit.

Members of the Council shall serve without pay but the Sanctuary program will cover travel expenses to and from official Council meetings. The Council shall meet as frequently as necessary, not to exceed once per month but at least once every six months. The current meeting schedule is set-up on a bi-monthly basis with members meeting every other month. Applicants should be residents of Hawai'i and must be able to attend monthly meetings, if needed.

Application Guidelines:

Applications should provide information regarding the candidate's particular interests, qualifications and experience and address the itemized topics to the best of their abilities. A description has been provided of the general expectations and qualifications for each of the seats:

Education Representative: affiliation with educational institutions or organizations in the Sanctuary region; ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and educators; direct experience with marine education programs; experience, ability, and availability to conduct educational outreach consistent with the goals of the Sanctuary and the mission of the Council; and commitment and availability of time to chair the Council's Education Committee.

Fishing Representative: knowledge of fishing (commercial, recreation, or both) activities within the Sanctuary region; breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries law, policies, and practices affecting the Sanctuary; and ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the fishing industries.

County Representative: familiarity with communities near the Sanctuary, experience and/or knowledge regarding marine or management and resource protection issues in the Sanctuary; experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the Sanctuary; and freedom to express views and cast votes without consideration of any expectations held by an employer or other organization with which the member is affiliated. Island and community representatives should be willing and able to meet with constituents to discuss Sanctuary issues and ideas and be able to report these back to the Council as a whole.

Research Representative: affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the Sanctuary region; ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists; direct experience with marine research programs; experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the Sanctuary and the mission of the Council; and commitment and availability of time to chair the Council's

The Sanctuary Manager, the State Sanctuary Co-manager and a Council Selection Committee will review all completed applications. Of these, a member and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection.

Applications must be received by: **September 15, 2005**

Please send all applications to Council Coordinator, Keeley Belva at Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 301, Honolulu, HI 96825. Phone: 808-397-2651 Fax: 808-397-2650 E-Mail: keeley.belva@noaa.gov